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Dear Regional Administrator Lopez:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Clifton to express our support of advancing cleanup activities in the Passaic River in an expedited manner.

The City of Clifton was pleased to host a recent Passaic River Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting at City Hall at which time your staff was kind enough to provide a comprehensive presentation on the US EPA's proposed Interim Remedy for the upper nine miles of the Passaic River. While the contamination of the Passaic River has a great deal of history and the project itself is extremely complex, the City of Clifton supports the Interim Action and urges the US EPA to move forward as quickly as possible.

Shaving eight years off a project is no easy task and your staff should be commended for looking for viable solutions that will coordinate dredging that will occur in the lower eight miles of the river with work that needs to occur in the upper nine miles of the river. From our perspective, failure to coordinate the dredging work would be a missed opportunity and would not benefit the stakeholders in the upper nine portion of the Passaic River.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please call me at (973) 470-5757.

Sincerely,

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